

SOCIAL CHIT-CHAT

A Novel Use for the Nickel-in-the-Slot Machine Suggested for Club Dances.

The Cultivation of Health and Sociality Contemplated by the Younger Set.

Hints for Those Interested in Fashions—Fair Hop—Personal and General.

□ This is an age of novelties, as the young man remarked on being introduced to his mother-in-law; and it is safe to affirm that we will yet see the nickel-in-the-slot introduced for some more sentimental purpose than testing your strength, insuring your life or even ascertaining the capacity of your lungs. For instance, at the german what an effective figure could be made by introducing a machine into which, by dropping 50 cents, the name of your next partner would be revealed, and then the 50 cents would buy favors and pay half the expenses especially if one young man with money was intent on capturing some one girl.

Then as marriage is acknowledged to be a lottery, why not make it one, and by dropping a fair sum into the slot secure a wife?

Another epicurean fad, worthy of the inventive genius of some modern Lucullus, is drinking champagne and claret taken out of a huge watermelon. Those who have tried this simple process of tardy intoxication claim that it is far ahead of the insidious milk punch or enticing cocktail, and twice as beneficial in its results.

Amusement for the Ladies. I hear that poker-playing is gaining favor among some of the gentler sex, and several legitimate poker games have taken place here where the ladies outnumbered the men, and the limit was over \$1, while the C. O. D. system was strictly observed.

Four years ago, in New York city, the rage for gambling reached such an excess that the father of four very fashionable and rather pretty girls, and who was no mean player himself, played with them one night and having won all their allowances for some three years ahead he was able to countenance the game until a settlement could be effected. Women are natural born gamblers, but through the proverty of their natures and that fatal curiosity which made Eve reckless very seldom make good poker players.

What girls need is plenty of wholesome exercise, and there is a plan on foot for starting a club which will, I believe, afford an extremely popular way of passing the winter evenings. At present the club is in an embryo state, but will doubtless go through, for similar organizations have always proven very popular in large cities of the east. A bowling alley is shortly to be built here and the idea is to form a club of some fourteen or twenty members, to meet once a week, when they will of course have the exclusive use of the alleys, while supper and light refreshments can be served, suitable prizes given, and a good deal of capital exercise obtained very much more calculated to improve the mind than the afore said poker.

It has been suggested to me that while there are sewing clubs at which a very great deal of charitable work is taken, and very small results are obtained, it would be a good plan to organize a club of this kind for the coming winter among the younger married women of Helena; to meet, say, once a fortnight, to sew for charitable purposes, while one or two of the more accomplished ones could help to vary the monotony of the "Song of the Shirt" by songs and music of a more cheerful nature, and then with a little 5 o'clock tea and the probable appearance of a few of the masculine gender, a very pleasant and at the same time useful afternoon could be spent.

Appropos of the presence of men at teas, probably the most popular of the season is a man balancing a thin and very valuable cup and saucer overlaid with a cargo of cake in one hand, the other being engrossed with his hat, gloves and modern walking stick, which somewhat resembles a young tree, while at the same time he tries to carry on a conversation and look unembarrassed. There are men who can do it without flinching a hair, but they like Caesar, could probably read, write, dictate and monopolize the entire attention of a pretty stenographer without blushing.

A Few Fashion Notes. The prospective buds of the coming winter season will have plenty of variety, not only in material, but design, wherewith to adorn and celebrate their coming out. The old adage of beauty unadorned is hardly likely to be strictly adhered to, judging by the following description of what are likely to be the popular styles of dress:

French broadcloths, French, India and Austrian cashmeres and wool Henriettas still hold their prestige. Embroidery in great variety is still the garniture par excellence for all kinds of garments, hand work, of course, being the most elegant.

The bodices of many new gowns are in cuirass form, embroidered all around the edge and down the front. The princess polonaise makes a stylish gown over a skirt of darker shade or different material, with sleeves like the skirt.

Where sleeves differ from the waist are used in the construction of a costume, the arm hole is invariably trimmed around with embroidery or pascamenterie, like the rest of the gown.

House gowns are invariably made to lay an inch or two on the floor in the back, and are usually made demi-trained.

Among the pretty coming-out gowns for next winter, two combinations deserve mention. One is of pink embroidered silk, with pink tulle, fringed, made in the empire style. The bodice is low, trimmed with pink roses buds around one side, the sash having long fringed ends. Pink satin slippers with silver buckles, and a bunch of moss rose buds fastened in the hair with silver ornaments, and a pink feather fan with silver handle completes the costume.

Another is of white and gold, fastened in the director's style; the petticoat of yellow crepe, embroidered with marguerites, the coat consisting of a brocade in white and yellow; pearls being worn as ornaments, while the feet are encased in the new buff kid slippers with gold buckles.

something new in the way of dance music, instead of leaving the burden of the selection entirely to the leader?

The Fair association has nothing to do with giving this dance beyond the fact that it voted the sum of \$100 towards defraying the expenses of some of the invited guests.

The Encore Club's Hall. There is a hitch in the contract made by the Encore club for their new hall over the Electric Light company works and it looks as if the Encore club would have to go elsewhere.

One of the stipulations made by the Electric Light company was to the effect that the Encore club could not sublet the building, which, as the aforesaid club hoped to make at least half their rent in this way, seemed to be a rather arbitrary arrangement. The proposed theatricals which were to have been a part of the opening programme will therefore have to be shelved for the present.

Dinner Party. Miss Florence Child gave a very pleasant little dinner on the 21st inst. The invited guests were the Misses May Franklin, Ella Bialine, Belle Sharpe, Kate Carpenter and Messrs. E. O. Child, E. O. Holter, C. F. Ward, S. Carpenter, C. E. Power and F. E. Child. The table was handsomely decorated, the menu excellent and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

Caledonian Games. A series of athletic games will be given under the auspices of the Caledonian club on the 10th of next month at Wilder park. Prizes will be given both in cups and money, and many of the events will be open to all comers. This will probably prove an interesting event, and will doubtless prove productive of some excellent exhibitions of manly skill.

Personal and General. Mrs. T. H. Kleinschmidt and her daughter, Marie, left last night for New York, whence Mrs. Marie will accompany her aunt and cousin on the good ship "Lehr" to Europe, sailing on the 4th of next month. Miss Marie will complete her education before returning.

Dr. J. J. Leiser is back in town again. His week's outing has done him a great deal of good, and he reports both hunting and fishing excellent. His brother is now visiting him.

Mr. and Mrs. George Eastin have gone upon an extended trip. They will visit Garfield Beach and from there travel through Colorado to Kansas City and then go South.

J. B. Porter and wife and son, Clorice Porter, W. W. Porter and wife and son, Miller Porter, all of Denver, Colorado, are visiting Helena, the guests of James P. Porter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Child, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Huntley, Judge and Mrs. Bach and E. W. Bach are still whiling away the heated spell in the Belt mountains.

Miss Carrie Jacobs of Butte arrived in the city last night and will remain the guest of her sister, Mrs. Morris Sands, for a few days.

W. L. C. D., and S. H. Veale, who have been on a hunting expedition throughout the territory, have returned very well satisfied with the sport Montana affords.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Floyd-Jones are in the city. Mrs. Floyd-Jones is still their guest.

E. O. Childs and E. Haines are back from Wheeler's ranch, where they got prairie chicken, duck, and Mr. Haines captured a sea gull.

Miss Gillette, who has been the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Cole for several weeks, returns home on Tuesday next.

Mr. and Mrs. Cox, of Los Angeles, Cal., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Flowerree, returned home on Friday.

Mrs. Joe Davis is back from Anaconda. She has been visiting at the former place even when you are in "capital" company.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Whitehead are spending a few days at Great Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Child are staying at Great Falls with their son, Harry.

Mr. Craven is going off hunting. His vacation is a well merited one.

Dr. Gillette, of Jacksonville, Ill., is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Dr. Cole.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Flowerree are in the city.

Ben King is back from a hunting trip.

Yellowstone National Park. Commencing June 3 and continuing until Sept. 27, the Northern Pacific railroad will make a rate of one fare for the round trip from Helena to Livingston and return, on the following conditions: Passengers to purchase a round-trip ticket to Livingston and either a \$30 or \$40 book ticket through the park. These tickets include rail and stage transportation from Livingston and four and five days, respectively, board and lodging at the Park association's hotels. For further information call at the Northern Pacific ticket office.

A. D. EDGAR, General Agent.

Knight Templar's Conclave at Washington, D. C.

For the above occasion the Northern Pacific railroad will make a rate of \$76.65 for the round trip from Helena to Washington and return. Tickets will be on sale Oct. 1, 2 and 3, good for going passages for trains reaching Washington Oct. 8; extreme limit for return Nov. 24. Stop overs will be allowed on return trip west of St. Paul within the limit of ticket.

CHAS. S. FEE, G. P. & T. A. St. Paul. A. D. EDGAR, Gen. Agent, Helena.

Knights Templar Conclave at Washington, D. C.

The Montana Central railway will sell tickets for the above occasion at the rate of \$76.65 for the round trip, Helena to Washington and return. Tickets will be on sale Oct. 1, 2 and 3, good for going passages for trains reaching Washington Oct. 8; extreme limit for return Nov. 24. Stop overs will be allowed on return trip west of St. Paul within the limit of ticket.

F. P. SHELLEY, General Manager.

Real Estate Transfers. The following real estate transfers were filed in the recorder's office yesterday:

Walter H. Little to Francis B. Reed, the Dredge Naught quartz lode, unorganized district, Lewis and Clarke county, 125 acres, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32, 1/64, 1/128, 1/256, 1/512, 1/1024, 1/2048, 1/4096, 1/8192, 1/16384, 1/32768, 1/65536, 1/131072, 1/262144, 1/524288, 1/1048576, 1/2097152, 1/4194304, 1/8388608, 1/16777216, 1/33554432, 1/67108864, 1/134217728, 1/268435456, 1/536870912, 1/1073741824, 1/2147483648, 1/4294967296, 1/8589934592, 1/17179869184, 1/34359738368, 1/68719476736, 1/137438953472, 1/274877906944, 1/549755813888, 1/1099511627776, 1/2199023255552, 1/4398046511104, 1/8796093022208, 1/17592186044416, 1/35184372088832, 1/70368744177664, 1/140737488355328, 1/281474976710656, 1/562949953421312, 1/1125899906842624, 1/2251799813685248, 1/4503599627370496, 1/9007199254740992, 1/18014398509481984, 1/36028797018963968, 1/72057594037927936, 1/144115188075855872, 1/288230376151711744, 1/576460752303423488, 1/1152921504606846976, 1/2305843009213693952, 1/4611686018427387904, 1/9223372036854775808, 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